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H.B. No. 2275

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to creating a task force to develop uniform standards for
3 subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties near the
4 international border and in economically distressed counties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current law
7 regarding the regulation of subdivisions in the unincorporated
8 areas of counties contains numerous conflicts and is unnecessarily
9 complex, particularly regarding the regulation of development in
10 counties near the international border and in economically
11 distressed counties, and that uniform subdivision standards in
12 those counties serve an important purpose in promoting a high
13 standard of living for the citizens of Texas.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The Task Force on Uniform County Subdivision
15 Regulation is composed of 15 members appointed as follows:

16 (1) six members who are county officials responsible
17 for regulating subdivisions under Subchapter B, Chapter 232, Local
18 Government Code, appointed by the executive administrator of the
19 Texas Water Development Board;

20 (2) three members who are county officials responsible
21 for regulating subdivisions under Subchapter C, Chapter 232, Local
22 Government Code, appointed by the executive administrator of the
23 Texas Water Development Board;

24 (3) three members appointed by the governor to

1 represent private interests in land development;

2 (4) one member of the Texas Water Development Board
3 appointed by the governor;

4 (5) one member who has legal expertise in subdivision
5 regulation appointed by the attorney general to represent the
6 interests of the state; and

7 (6) one member who has legal expertise in matters
8 affecting land development appointed by the secretary of state to
9 represent the interests of the state.

10 (b) The members of the Task Force on Uniform County
11 Subdivision Regulation appointed under Subsection (a) of this
12 section shall elect a presiding officer, a secretary, and any other
13 officers the board considers necessary.

14 (c) Appointments to the Task Force on Uniform County
15 Subdivision Regulation shall be made without regard to race, color,
16 disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the
17 appointees.

18 (d) A member of the task force who is a state or county
19 employee is not entitled to additional compensation for serving on
20 the task force, but is entitled to reimbursement for the member's
21 actual and necessary expenses in attending meetings of the task
22 force and performing other official duties authorized by the
23 presiding officer if the reimbursement is otherwise available to
24 the member as a state or county employee.

25 (e) The secretary of state shall provide administrative
26 support to the task force, including necessary staff and meeting
27 facilities.

1 (f) The task force, through the secretary of state, may
2 accept gifts and grants from individuals, private or public
3 organizations, or federal or local funds to support the task force.

4 (g) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
5 task force.

6 SECTION 3. The Task Force on Uniform County Subdivision
7 Regulation shall:

8 (1) research and identify the conflicts and
9 deficiencies in current law regarding the regulation of the
10 development of subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties
11 near the international border and in economically distressed
12 counties; and

13 (2) develop recommendations and draft a proposal for
14 legislation to create uniform standards for the regulation of the
15 development of subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties
16 near the international border and in economically distressed
17 counties.

18 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2010, the Task Force
19 on Uniform County Subdivision Regulation shall submit its findings,
20 recommendations, and proposal for legislation to the standing
21 committees of the senate and house of representatives having
22 primary jurisdiction over border regions or county affairs.

23 SECTION 5. The Task Force on Uniform County Subdivision
24 Regulation is abolished and this Act expires on September 2, 2011.

25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.